

PhilMont Mobile Radio Club

The **BLURB**



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TO THE VICTORS BELONG - PHILMONT

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29.493mc-1000 Sunday (10-on-10) monitored daily; 29.626mc 2nd Freq.; 3993kc
SSB-0730-0845 daily; 50.7mc; 52.525mc (FM); 147.78mc.

Sam's HALF ACRE

ANYBODY WANT A UNUSED
MINT CONDITION DIRECTORS JOB?



THE PREZ SEZ

We are now well into a new year. This has started out well since we had some interesting discussions at our first meeting. This is a good sign of interest from those that were present. Discussions as long as they are constructive are helpful to any group.

We have already had a proposal to amend the By-Laws. At this time, I have not formed an opinion, but it is easy to see that some of our members are thinking about the good of the organization. There is plenty of time to thoroughly discuss this matter, and I am sure there will be more said on the subject.

There is considerable activity on the part of W3QQH and some others who are trying to help get the repeater in full operation. When this happens, it should be possible for even those of us who operate low power (my own is $3\frac{1}{2}$ watts) mobiles, to get good coverage of the area.

There has been some talk about some members using a lot of their time for the benefit of many others who don't seem interested. My own opinion is that all the members are interested, but some of us need a little bonfire built under us. Let us hope we do not discourage any of our good workers.

All in all, we may end up with some excitement in the old organization this year.

Keep it up men!

73, Bob K3UWO

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PHIL-MONT CALENDAR

Monday	February 3	Regular Meeting, Franklin Institute Special Director Election. Presentation of award to WA3CNI
Saturday	February 15	Deadline for March BLURB Material
Wednesday	February 19	Midmonth at K3TKZ - see map elsewhere in this issue.

THE EDITOR'S VIEW

It now appears that this club just might be getting off of dead center again. The reaction to this column of last month has been encouraging, but there still seem to be a few points requiring clarification. First, the editorial was a statement of fact, not a gripe. Second, as in all club activities, those who produce the BLURB do it for the benefit of Phil-Mont and themselves, NOT for the benefit of any individual members. The issue raised last month was not one of interest, but of disinterest. There is a subtle but important distinction here. All of our members are interested in the club or they wouldn't spend six bucks on it every year. But most are disinterested in what we do; they prefer to be silent spectators, and as stressed last month, they are most certainly entitled to do this.

Three of our members have taken it upon themselves to propose ways of stimulating others on the fringe of activity in the club to become more involved. These ideas are covered in Letters to the Editor, to be found later in this issue.

Perhaps we have been too rigid in the past with regard to election procedures and net operations. A new slant here may be what we need. The same can be said for other things that we do now just as we have been doing them for years. And what about things we have never done before? It is hoped that the new administration of Phil-Mont will use the impetus furnished by this month's letters to forge a program that will return the club to the dynamic organization it once was. It is further hoped that all of the members, both in and out of the mainstream, will make their views known through the pages of the BLURB.

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MEETING REPORTS

At the regular meeting, W3WXC described some of the thoughts that he has set down in a letter elsewhere. Awards were announced and WA3ARY discussed his teaching project at Franklin Institute. W3ADV described a 2 meter bandpass filter he constructed from an article in December QST. Fred then showed the first part of a film on weather, obtained from Bell. Refreshments by K3KNH.

Eventually we may get more members at a midmonth meeting than at a regular. Fifteen turned out at W3KN's to discuss WXC's proposal, receive the Budget and Auditing Committees reports and discuss other items, all of which are buried somewhere in this issue. Myrna did right by us with refreshments all evening topped by two cakes with coffee at the close of the meeting.

1968 AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Leroy Hauser Memorial Award: WA3CNI, Sam Kunceovich

Since this award stresses continuity of service to Phil-Mont, the awards committee really hit it on the button when they selected our Artist--in-Residence for recipient of honor. In fact, it might be said that it is OUR honor to make the award to Sam. He has been at it month in and month out for the last five years or more with a variety and talent that continues to amaze, whether his topic is humorous, timely or historical. Not many know that we have the services of a prominent free-lancer who diverts time from a busy commercial art career in order to handle the Blurb's pictorial presentations.

Sam is employed at the Philadelphia Naval Base officially in aboard-ship compartment arrangement, but the entire U.S. Navy has heard of his artistic talent, and he gets many requests to design insignia for various naval units. He estimates he has designed five-hundred heralds that are displayed all over the world. His free lance activities involve package design and feature items for Sunday newspapers here and in New York. And of course he enjoys relaxing with art "for art's sake."

WA3CNI now sports two new antennas: a 10 meter ground plane and an inverted - V with 30° on each leg. Soon to be raised is a six meter halo. Sam also contemplates a visit to the FCC for his General ticket. In the mean time he is brushing up on his CW and keeping an oar in communicating with his CB rig.

All in all Sam is a pretty busy fellow, but not too busy to apply his talents for our enjoyment. His view point seems to be that, "It's the least I can do to hold up my end of the Blurb." Well it's the least we can do to present him with the Leroy Hauser Memorial Award and with our thanks. Sam hopes to attend the February meeting so try to be there yourself and meet the PMRC Art Director.

Phil-Monter Award: WA3ARY, Sidney Elfant

Sid started attending classes at the Franklin Institute and before long wound up teaching them himself! He has been particularly involved in sparking the Junior Group, many of whom have gone on to Extra Class tickets. Sid has stressed construction, and most of his students build at least one piece of equipment. Sid's time and effort has

Phil-Monter Award: WABARY, Sidney Elfant (Cont'd)

helped bring the program from near abandonment to a flourishing success where newcomers are led to understand the real spirit of ham radio in contrast to the appliance operator concept.

We will all be the better for Sid's efforts - he is a deserving recipient of the Phil-Monter 1968 Award.

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SPECIAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTOR

As announced in the January issue, it is necessary to hold a special election to select an additional member of the Phil-Mont Board of Directors. The term of office is three years. Candidates nominated to date are W3GOW, W3QQH and W3YHV. Nominations will remain open at the February meeting until immediately before the election, which will be held on that evening. Individuals must agree to run before being nominated.

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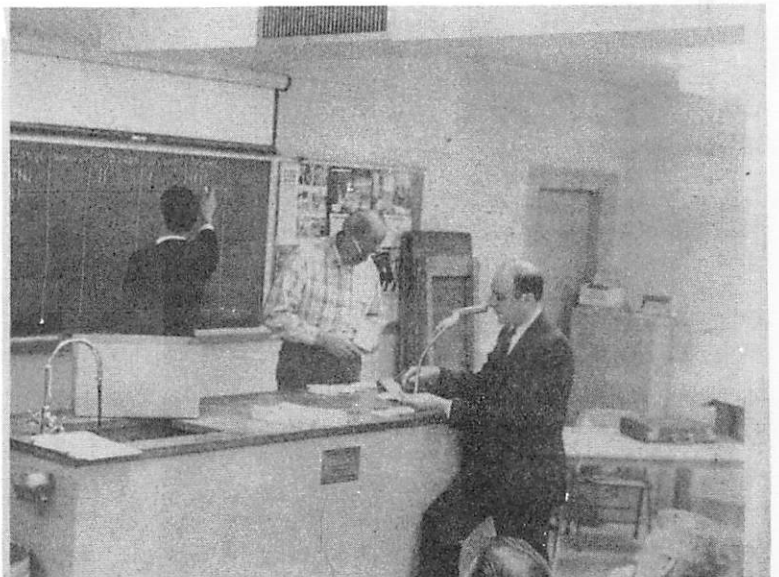
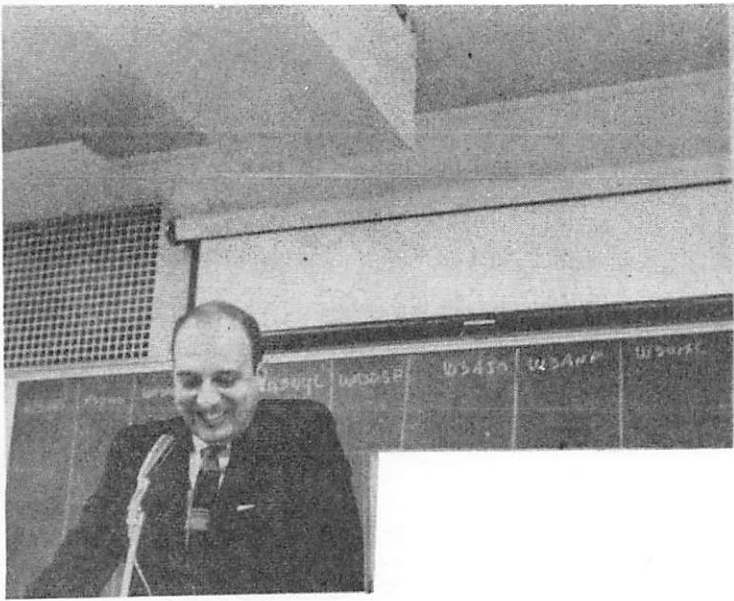
COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: PLIZ NOTE...

In keeping with our Less Work for Editor policy, the men responsible for club activities are requested to supply ED with copy for direct publication in the BLURB. This is necessary for other reasons than the editor's laziness: the committee chairman or head of the event usually knows all the details before, during and after the event; the leader of an event presumably has more enthusiasm than anybody else and is thereby most likely to provide greatest impetus through an article; some otherwise obscure factors may reveal themselves if the chairman sits down to compose a short summary of what's going on. So please provide ED with the scoop as the year progresses.

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HEATH HW-12 NOTE

K3KUD points out that if you have to replace power cables for your Hot Water it is possible to do so quite economically with standard Belden cable. Belden #8448 rotator cable is a good substitute for the 8-conductor cable for only twelve cents per foot. Bob recommends Belden #8673 Duplex-12 lighting cable at eight cents a foot to replace the 2-conductor mobile wire. He says this is a lot cheaper than buying the Heath part number.



MEMBER PROFILE: IRWIN MILLER, K3KNH

Irv was self-taught and made Novice in 1960, but then let his ticket lapse. He became interested again and studied some more and finally heard about the classes at the Institute. It was a short time until he got his General license and it was our good fortune to have him apply for membership in Phil-Mont. He was a tremendous help on Field Day before he was officially a member (can't hardly get that kind any more).

So much for the radio part which most of us know already. Irv has been married for thirteen years and has two daughters. He owns a restaurant on Filbert Street at Juniper, across from City Hall Annex. He is Master in the Masonic Order and also belongs to the Aero Philatelists Society, which specializes in aero and rocket stamps. As if that weren't enough, he belongs to the Collectors Club of N.Y., a group with world-wide membership that is by invitation only. I'm not going into too much detail because I'm sure he will have an interesting program for us, so we will look forward to this sometime in the Spring.

de W3OWK

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GOT AN AC-DC BC RECEIVER YOU DON'T NEED???

The recipient of the Phil-Monter 1968 Award, WA3ARY, mentioned at the January meeting that his Junior Group at the Institute ham radio classes was constructing converters for use with ac-dc broadcast receivers so they can listen to 40 and 80 meters. The converters are apparently presenting no undue trouble, but the procurement of the BC receivers is not meeting demands.

If you have an old radio around the house that hasn't been used since you got that transistorized job, consider giving it to one of Sid's pupils, who will attach his converter and start copying WIAW and other ham transmissions (hopefully with precautions against electrocution from those infernal ac-dc jobs). The receiver doesn't have to be in working order. If you have one you can give, bring it to the next meeting or notify WA3ARY or W3CDY.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The BLURB solicits comments from members on any aspect of the club. While this paper exists to keep members informed on current happenings in Phil-Mont, it should also be a forum of opinion. This month there are letters from three members. If you have any desire to express an opinion on any point raised here, or on any other aspect of our club, please write to the Editor.

Editor of the BLURB:

A PROPOSAL TO THE MEMBERSHIP

As a member of Phil-Mont for 15 years I have seen the club go through many phases. However, as asserted by W3QZ0 in his editorial in the December Blurb, the present attitude of the majority of the members is apparently the most critical ever to the existence of Phil-Mont as a leader among amateur radio clubs and, indeed, to the very existence of the club itself. We have heard in recent months, many suggested solutions to the problems Phil-Mont is experiencing; and, hopefully, we will hear many more. I would like to add to this list by proposing a major change to the by-laws concerning the election of officers.

It is proposed that the by-laws be changed to:

1. Eliminate elections in person and establish elections only by mail.

This change will allow all members in goodstanding an opportunity to cast their vote. I feel that being a member in goodstanding is analagous to being a citizen (of our country) inasmuch as participation in national affairs is not a requisite to casting one's ballot, nor is attendance at polls necessary to exercise this right. A possible and simple method of distributing these proposed mail ballots would be to print the ballot on a post - paid card and enclose them in the Blurb's sent to qualified members. These mail ballots would be addressed to the Judge of elections. Platform statements could also be printed in the election copy of the Blurb to inform the electorate of the candidates stands. It should be noted that these type ballots are mail ballots and not proxy ballots.

2. The nomination committee shall be charged with obtaining at least three (3) candidates for each office, except, for the office of director there shall be at least one more candidate than vacancy to be filled, but in no case shall there be less than three candidates.

Letter to the Editor (Cont'd)

In a club with a membership of about 120, there must be a choice given to the membership. Election by default must not be allowed. If candidates cannot be found, then the nomination committee should fill the vacancies from their own ranks (which requires another change to the by-laws).

3. The present president shall cast his vote only in the event of a tie between the several candidates for each office.

This will eliminate ties and re-elections. The present president would then function as the national Vice President does in the Senate.

As a member of Phil-Mont and as one of your elected directors, I strongly urge your support for these changes. I sincerely feel that they will at least give back to many of the members a right which has been denied them and may very well help to instill in them a renewed interest in the club.

Dick Klein, W3WXC

Editor of the BLURB:

Starting the new year I have a gripe about the elections; this is just for openers - absentee ballots, proxy votes or both. When we vote to have no absentee votes, then a member who does not attend meeting for reasons which are none of our business just might as well get the Associate membership which is half price.

Not lets look back on how this came about. Once upon a time there was a member who really wanted to be President, deeming it an honor and willing to work for it, so he went so far, this bold fellow, as to go to the members that were conspicuous by their absence and obtained absentee ballots (as a matter of fact I damn near signed one myself until I realized I would probably be there).

Now this is not fair. In fact it might be considered underhanded. He failed to tell his opponents he was going to do this so they could get off their butts and push to counteract this move. Now I wonder why we would not want to have a President that wanted the job and was willing to work for it. Think it over. I say lets stop making it tough to vote and let the fellows who pay for the privilege have same.

73, Al, W3OWK

P.S. This does not affect me; I have been to the meeting night of election ever since I became a member.

Editor of the BLURB:

Dear Bob:

Your letter in the last issue of the Blurb was a skillful balance of fact and regret ... without remorse. The regret may have been more implicit than explicit, but it was there.

But this is not to compliment you on good writing. It is to express the point of view of a relative new member of the club.

I don't know exactly how you face up to a problem in engineering design, but when we meet a motivational stalemate in communications we check all of the traditional solutions first, and then look into the unexpected.

From my limited knowledge of the club, I am tempted to suggest that now is the time for that unexpected something.

With all of the great editions of the BLURB (to which I've contributed not a word), I still feel that editing a regular print bulletin for a radio club is somewhat of a contradiction in terms. As a means of getting information from one point to another the medium that is our hobby is faster in terms of the message than is print.

You are so right when you say our problem is time. Time and affluence are a new problem when they are teamed up, and they demand a new solution.

I like to think that a problem's solution is contained in the essence of that problem. In this case, we are bound by radio (about 186,000 miles per second fast) into a club. Yet we are worried about the lack of activities in that club such as meeting attendance (average speed to and from, say, 35 mph) and the need for a printed publication (shall we say at a speed of 12 issues per year?).

If the problem is to get as much participation from each member, then I think we ought to make it super easy for each member to participate.

And when you compare the rates of information exchange plus the built-in feed back of the medium of communication that is the bone and marrow of our club with other communications media, you have to come out with a heavy balance of convenience in favor of rf energy.

Letter to the BLURB (Cont'd)

We might make our nets more active. Can you imagine how many members might be able to make it to the transmitter for a mid-month of the air? A broadcast from W3TKZ before, during or after our meetings might do something for attendance. And if we go to all proxy ballots (I may lose some friends, but I favor it) Channel 1 debates, and even broadcast of the election returns as they are tabulated would lend presence to club activities.

In short, we could apply our modern hobby as a solution to our thoroughly modern problem.

Sincerely,

Fred, WA3DMR

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FREE-BEE AUCTION COMING UP (APRIL)

W3ADV is putting some life in our Free-Bee auction. Fred will have more details next month, but in the meantime, if you have any small parts lying around, put them aside until the April meeting. All proceeds to the club. All enjoyment to members and guests.

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MOBILE BURGLAR PROTECTION

K2EGF suggests using a pressure-activated "ribbon" or "tape" switch to activate your car's horn in case of unauthorized entry. These switches are available at H & R or mail order houses and can be concealed where the intruder would put pressure on it.

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MID-MONTH MEETINGS - 1969

Jan	W3KN	July	W3NIP (Bath Night)
Feb	K3TKZ	Aug	W3QQH
March	W3YHV (Birthday)	Sept	K3NYL
April	W3VVS	Oct	W3AES
May	K3KNH	Nov	W3ADV
June	W3WXC	Dec	?????
		(1970) Jan	K3UWO (Snow)

* * * DUES ARE NOW DUE * * *

SEND YOUR REMITTANCE TO K3NYL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1969

Income

Reimbursement from ARRL	\$104.19	
Balance on hand 12/31/68	203.58	
Memorial Fund	75.00	
Dues	714.00	
Prize Drawings	108.00	
Chow Kitty	50.00	
Auction Receipts	50.00	
Donations	50.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>200.00</u>	\$1554.77

Expenses

Chow	\$ 50.00	
Stationery	25.00	
Flowers	40.00	
Special Events	100.00	
Insurance	25.00	
Prize Drawings	100.00	
Blurb	250.00	
Franklin Inst. Base Station	75.00	
Capital Improvement Fund	260.00	
Comm Bus Maintenance	125.00	
Comm Bus Comm. Equipt.	50.00	
Amortization of Bonds	150.00	
Miscellaneous	200.00	
Cash Balance 12/31/69	<u>104.77</u>	\$1554.77

The above budget is presented for consideration of the membership by the Budget Committee consisting of:

W3GOW, Chairman	W3NIP
W3ADV	K3NYL
W3DSG	W3QQH
W3IWO	

W3TKQ STATUS REPORT

December 31, 1968

Mr. Robert Neatherly
Vice-President For Museum Education
Franklin Institute
20th and Parkway,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Bob:

Here we are at the end of another year of operation of our W3TKQ Amateur Radio Station. The time really goes by very quickly. Our station apparently is still a major attraction as evidenced by the log which shows that 191 visitors from the States and 11 from Argentina, France, Sweden, Italy, Japan and Israel checked in with us during 1968. A total of 628 contacts were made with amateurs in the United States and all other countries throughout the world, using the Collins equipment. 365 additional contacts were logged on the Phil-Mont Radio Club net frequency, using our club built equipment. All in all, a very busy year.

No changes in equipment were made during 1968 but we are contemplating the installation of a monitorscope addition to the station, so that visitors may see the speech on an oscilloscope as well as hear it on the telephones outside the station. This installation should be made early in 1969. Sometime during 1969 we plan to begin operation on 2 and 6 meters, with some additional club built equipment.

Best wishes to you and your family for the New Year.

73's

Fred Shaw W3ADV
Trustee for W3TKQ
The Franklin Institute and
Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club Station

SCOOP

K3SPS will be in beautiful downtown Burbank visiting RCA on business. Murray also has stops planned for San Francisco, L.A., Salt Lake City and Chicago...Charlie GOW is another traveller, but he is going to laze in BWI (VP2), hardly a business trip...A Heath monitor scope is going to be purchased for W3TKQ with funds from the Frank Travers, W3LNQ, Memorial Fund. W3OWK will assemble the kit...Budget and Audit Committees have performed their primary duties and reported at the January MM held at W3KN, BO, MHR - you-name-it - QTH...We now have a famous restauranteer catering our meetings. Miller's Catering Service has taken the job for '69. Their motto: Better buns, coffee and pleasant service. Come out and try us. Topless waitresses are scheduled for the near future...WA3IOB is running a net on 50.4MHz at 7 PM, but he didn't say what night...The Comm Bus is now equipped with an electronic siren...WA3HEX has been missing from meetings while taking scuba lessons. Only trouble was swimming pool where he was learning turned out to be polluted. Try the Delaware next time, Seymour...W3QQH is making the Club's 10 meter xmr/rcvr available to anyone who will regularly relay between 10 and 75 during 10-on-10 Net...WA3DMR will be in Philadelphia on full time basis and plans an extensive publicity program for PMRC...W3VVS is struggling with repair of a transistorized stereo amplifier...

K3MDR (harmonic of W3EQV) who you will remember as a frequent visitor at meetings a few years ago, was home from his job with Ford before entering the Army...November RCA Ham Tips covered construction of a MOS-FET 10 meter pre-amplifier. See ED if you want a copy of the article...Due to a mixup the club was unable to express its sympathy to W3JPP on the death of his wife. A small remembrance has been sent St. Paul's Church in Oreland...Revision of BLURB exchange paper mailing list is proceeding as described in an earlier issue. A list of all exchange paper will be published; if you want to see any of them, notify ED. In the meantime, changes in our exchange list are being handled between ED, W3QQH and W3VVS via 2 meter RTTY...A Viking-I, donated by W3UKZ was delivered to ARRL by W3JKH. Of all the stuff we sent, ED certainly hopes that equipment goes where it was intended to...W3KN is giving "serious thought" to 1969 FD...The repeater will be in operation when TELCO finds the paperwork they lost (?) twice. Meanwhile, back on Central Ave., QQH is testing a one-second tone-keyer that will actuate the logging recorder. There is good coverage to the repeater rcvr from most of this area. K3UWO was able to key it as far away as Eddington and Doylestown with power full little 3½ watter...W3AES on sick call...W3DSG was heard on CH-1

SCOOP (Cont'd)

stating that Phil-Mont is not cliquish...WN3KLR is building a FET converter for 15 meters with output on 80... ED upgraded his audio system with a new Fisher 200-T FM receiver...K3KNH is now cooking hot dogs at his establishment with RF. Says the taste is good, but they don't have the right color. Oh well, he can always operate CB with it. K2EGF is getting an NC-240D which he plans to rework with solid-state front-end and audio system. Could be he'll put in a squelch so it can be left on CH-1...Don't forget your dues are due, OM... The collator of last month's BLURB is getting arithmetic lessons. Specifically he's learning that six does NOT follow three and other handy tips applicable to counting. Now if we could just arrange spelling lessons for the Editor...And speaking of the Jan issue, we would have had an inside front cover, but Post Office "mislaidd" the layout between Huntingdon Valley and Norristown. Shelly Klein thankfully did it over... W3QQH says he will positively not be bound by the contract offered to him last month....Neighbors must have thought a bunch of hoods were congregating at W3KN's, as the entire assembly piled out of about three cars...Hope we do better in picking up items for scoop at the Feb regular meeting than we did last month. There were two items written on the BLURB sheet; one couldn't be read, one couldn't be printed - that didn't leave much...W3DSG has suggested another 10-on-10 Roundup this spring. Attendance on the net is building up again. There were 66 checkins, including some DX. It might be a good idea to have a special QSL to send to new stations that gives a short description of Phil-Mont in addition to the usual QSL data.

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SWAP AND SHOP

- FOR SALE: Tunable 230-250 megacycle power amplifier using a 4 X 150 tube, No. AM-456A/TRA-19, with power supply type PP-840/TRA-19. \$50.
Contact - Gerry Baldauf, W3JKH. Phones (215) 678-3980, 929-7694.
- FOR SALE: HQ-170A, \$250.00 -- HT-32B, \$250.00 -- 6 mtr Senaca, NC-300 make offer.
Contact - Same Moskowitz, K3RTR, 401 Samsom St. Phila. 19082
- FOR SALE: Cystal-controlled 10 mtr transceiver, club property - \$75.00 - KAAR IMP, 2 mtr crystal controlled transceiver, \$40.00 -- Conset communicator III, \$135.00 - Dumont 101 C 50 MC mobile on 52.525, \$80.00
Contact - Jim Spencer W3QQH, TU-4-8469.

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